

EVENTS OF INTEREST
IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

WOMAN AND THE HOME

Let the Woman's Page Bespeak the Woman—Let It Be a Help to Those Who Desire Help; a Comforter to Those Who Need Comforting, and Above
all Let It Be a Friend to Every WomanDOMESTIC HELPS AND
AIDS TO HOUSEWIVES

We asked the young lady across the way if she was going to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and she said she didn't believe she'd care to go as long as the war was on as she understood the canal wasn't especially well fortified.

Mass Meeting and
Lectures On Votes
For Women Program

At the recent executive board meeting of the Bridgeport Equal Franchise League a visiting school committee was appointed composed of Mrs. Samuel T. Davis, chairman, Mrs. William A. Peel and Mrs. Arthur W. Robinson.

It was voted to join the Peace Conference of which Miss Jane Adams has been chosen president, and in connection with this the league plans to hold a large mass meeting very soon at which Mrs. Fethick Lawrence, of London, England, will be the principal speaker.

The league has also planned a lecture course open only to women to be held on Saturday mornings at 11 o'clock in the Sanford homestead on Washington avenue and Coleman street. The first lecture will be held on February 27, Mrs. Edward O. Parker M.D. will be the speaker.

The first lecture will be on "The Story of Life and How to Tell it to Children"; the second, on March 6, on "The Double Standard of Morals for Men and Women"; A. Grave Social Menace; the third on March 13, on "The Life of Josephine Butler; the Story of a Great Crusade"; the fourth on March 20, on "Social Hygiene, its Work for Race Betterment"; and the last on March 27, on "Connecticut's Need for a Reformatory for Women." Tickets for the lecture may be procured from Mrs. S. T. Davis of 206 Park Place.

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TODAY'S POEM

TO A DEAD COMRADE

Ah, not that face! You were our friend—
Too close to be so silent now:
The love, the laughter, at an end
In austere lips and brow.
We loved you, but we never guessed
Your ardors and your shining powers
Were aiming for a farther quest
Than any guest of ours.
Good night, dear comrade! As we part,
Not idle praise nor tears we bring;
But see! Our hearts stand round
Your heart.
Like warriors round a king.
—Herman Hagedorn, in Collier's.

CORNER FOR COOKS

Ham and Baked Peppers.

Cut the tops from the peppers so they will cap that can be fastened on again. Remove every seed and place the peppers in fresh cold water for an hour or two. This draws out the hotness and the longer you keep the peppers in the fresh water the milder they will be. Fill with a forcemeat made from meat and rice. Ham and rice is especially good, and chicken and rice, well seasoned, is also delicious. Mushrooms may be added to the filling. Put the caps on the stuffed peppers and set them in a pan in the oven. Pour a little hot water around them so they will not burn on the bottom, and brush well with butter. As they bake baste with the water and butter in the pan.

Vegetable Compote.

Chop vegetables left from a boiled dinner, such as cabbage, parsnips or potatoes. Sprinkle with pepper. Then place in a frying pan over the fire with a piece of butter the size of a hickory nut in it, and when the butter begins to melt tip the pan in order to oil the bottom. Add the vegetables and one or two spoonfuls of hot water which has been boiled. Cover quickly to keep in the steam. When heated thoroughly take off cover, stirring contents occasionally until well cooked. Serve hot.

Potato and Onion Salad.

Parboil and cut potatoes into thin slices, parboil until done, but not too soft. Drain and place in a shallow dish. Now take centres of boiled onion rings, mash with a fork, add a sifting of salt and pepper, then mix with enough boiled dressing to make a smooth, rather thick emulsion. Shift salt and pepper over the potatoes, then cover with the dressing and let it stand for an hour to ripen. This is a nice luncheon dish and may be served with rings of hard-boiled eggs, curled bacon or boiled ham.

HOUSEHOLD NOTES

Always boil new ironware before using.
A waste basket in every room is a necessity.
Medicine stains can almost always be dissolved by alcohol.
Use paper bags for covering pitchers with food in them.

A milk bottle opener is a handy thing to have in the kitchen. If they are grown-up stockings will make excellent ties for little girls.
Chocolate stains can be removed by washing in soap and tepid water. When breakfast muffins are left over, split and toast them for lunch.

Water the fern dish at night in the bathtub, and leave it there to drain. Always have the food served to a sick person spoonfully, clean and fresh.
White of egg for an invalid may be mixed with lemon, orange or grape juice.

Loaf pans for bread should be narrow to insure thorough baking of the bread.
Some coffee needs boiling and some does not—must experiment to find out.

Extra deep pudding pans, pie plates and the like are preferable to shallow ones.
Worn table napkins should be saved to dry lettuce in when preparing the salad.

A glass measuring cup and glass lemon squeezer should be found in every kitchen.
To remove fat stains apply kerosene, then wash with warm water and naphtha soap.

Milk and cream stains should be washed out in cold water, followed by soap and water.
A measuring cup and flour sifter should be kept in the flour barrel to save time.

Uncooked fats, such as butter, cream and olive oil, are more wholesome than cooked fats.
When boiling meat put a wire tea-pot standard in the kettle and the meat will not burn.

When pans are scorched, use a stiff wire whisk to get the burned food off the bottom.
If you use cleaning powder for saucers, be sure to wash out the pan afterwards with cold water.

The good housekeeper should go over her supplies every day. By this means she can avoid food spoiling.
When you mean to wash potatoes cut them in slices before boiling and they will be done much sooner.

Before wearing your rubbers rub them well with kerosene. Let them remain a few days before wearing them.
To have delicious mince meat use the following idea: To a gallon crock of mince meat add a pint of preserved citron.

A delicious dessert is made with bananas, cut through a potato ricer, and sliced orange and pineapple added.
Keep a child's ten-cent washboard

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SHE WROTE WITH
A LEAD PENCIL

Dear Miss Libby:
I visited a town two months ago. While there I became acquainted with a very nice appearing young lady. I called on her often while in the place. We liked each other very much. I proposed on going that we correspond, not to forget one another. I wrote to her. Was most disappointed when I received her reply, written with a lead pencil. I failed to make out the lead pencil letter after straining my eyes hours. I tore it up. Does not this justify my replying with one so careless as not to afford ink?

JOHN J.
It was very careless and not painstaking on her part. Give her another chance by explaining how overtaxed you were in trying to read it, and she will reply by writing with ink.

WED HAPPILY IF
PARENTS APPROVE

Dear Miss Libby:
I am a girl of eighteen; dearly love a young man several years my senior. We have been in love for some time. I would like to do him in preference to any one else. My parents do not wish me to keep company with him. We have been secretly engaged two years, but we will have to leave home to spend our wedding. I don't want to leave home to marry and probably be sorry afterward.

M. L. B.
You wish to wed and be happy, as all girls do. There is but one way to advise you. That is to have a good heart-to-heart talk with your parents. Gain their consent and marry. You will never regret this step. Do not leave home to marry and probably be sorry afterward.

CORRESPONDENTS
BREAK OFF

Dear Miss Libby:
I am writing you for advice; please give me the very best. I am a girl seventeen years old; have been corresponding with a young man for a year. And he seemed to care for me; treated me very nice. Gave me very nice presents. He has stopped corresponding and I gave him no reason. Please tell me what I should do.

M.
Corresponding is not always satisfactory at the end. Often the man, after corresponding, tires of the slow courtship, if it comes to that, stops and marries another, regardless of making the writer sad, lonely, after waiting time. Again, correspondence might bring from friendship love and a future helpmate. You cannot compel an answer. Wait patiently.

LOVER OUT OF WORK;
STOPS CALLING

Dear Miss Libby:
I am a girl of eighteen. I have been keeping company with a young man very ten or eleven months. I love him very much and he loves me. He has stopped calling, giving no reason. He brings me home from church once in a while, never asks to call. Some one

Laura Jean Libby

In the bathroom—it will be a convenience when washing out small articles.
When cereals are preferable, which are whole natural grains, steamed in a double boiler for twenty-four hours. The housewife can frequently omit meat from a meal if she makes good use of milk, cheese, nuts, milk or cereals.

When making tea, instead of the usual spoonful for the pot, add a lump of sugar. When drawn the tea will be just as strong.
If a piece of woolen cloth is placed on the floor where glass has been broken, all the little particles of glass will stick to the cloth.

Instead of rolling the dry bread to make crumbs, try putting them through the meat grinder. It does the work beautifully and quickly.
When cleaning grates add half a dozen drops of turpentine to the black lead, stir well, and a beautiful polish will be the result when finished.

Silk, if burned, gives off a disagreeable smell. To remove this, wash the fabric in warm water, then wash in cold water. When ironing delicate garments put powdered orris root between the folds of the ironing blanket. A delicate perfume will permeate the clothing.

Do not throw away one bit of the celery. Wash the undesirable parts and boil both the soup and bones. It will give the soup a delicious flavor.
If the cake rises rapidly in the middle like a pyramid and cracks, it is cooking too quickly. A well-cooked cake should be flat on top when done.

When ironing delicate garments put powdered orris root between the folds of the ironing blanket. A delicate perfume will permeate the clothing.
Almost all vegetables—except beans—should be cooked in a little water as possible; then this water thickened with butter, cream and the thickest amount of flour.

To waterproof boots melt together two parts beeswax to one part of mutton fat. Apply this to the leather at night, and in the morning wipe well with a piece of flannel.

If a magnet is kept in the hook and eye box, it will be an easy matter to pick up the hooks and eyes, and any hook that will not be picked up by the magnet do not use, because it will rust.

Every cellar should have many shelves, the convenience of the housekeeper. There should be one or two hanging shelves. By this means the cellar may be kept in order and sanitary.
A "spare" plum pudding, cooked and put away, should on no account be rebaked; steam it. Vary the up-and-down cut for one straight across the top. For a second appearance this looks better.

To mend glass, china, or breakages of any kind, common alum, melted in an old spoon over the fire, forms an exceedingly strong cement. Articles mended with this may be washed without fear of their coming apart again.
Fasten an ordinary three-arm towel rack to the right-hand side of the sink. Take two teaspoonfuls of cocoa in a basin and mix with half pint of boiling milk; stir well. Then mix two tablespoonfuls of cornmeal with half pint of cold milk, put all in a saucepan, and bring to the boil. Stir well, let boil for half a minute.
When white shoes look gray and shabby, they can be made a pretty brown by applying saffron. Mix six drops of saffron with three tablespoonfuls of olive oil. Clean shoes well; remove dark spots when possible, and then apply two coats of the mixture with a piece of clean flannel.

who is very dear to him and whom I have been going to see is sick and always sees me home. He stayed the other night until about 10:30; he acted like nothing had happened. When he left, he asked me to call again. I believe he wants me to ask him to come back. Do you? Can I get him back? I think he loves me. He is out of work. Maybe he don't want to come on account of the holidays. Please tell me what to do. I really love him. Can't give him up.

SAD-HEARTED K. N.
While out of work your lover may feel, as many young men do, too poor company to pass the evenings pleasantly, as he once did. Do not lose faith in him. Remember him with some inexpensive gift.

HOW MUCH IS
A WIFE WORTH?

"He said when first he saw me
Life seemed at once divine;
Each night he dreamed of angels
And every face was mine;
Sometimes a voice in sleeping
Would all his hopes forbid;
And then he'd waken, weeping
Do you really think he did?"

When a man falls in love with a girl sufficiently to wed her, the thought of money does not enter into his consideration. After marriage he loves her more devotedly than before. If children bless the union, he is indeed a happy man. If offspring is denied, a wise man looks at it philosophically.

"Life flows contentedly onward with the pair. A man may be a very good husband and yet forget the first duty he owes to the woman who has chosen him from all others is to make good his vow at the altar—namely, to endow her with an equal half of his worldly goods. He has promised to give her all. The average wife is not so covetous as to take over his business and attempt to run it. She is usually willing to accept the amount he doles out to her for household expenses, etc.

What wife would think of asking a statement of her husband's regard to his business at the end of each year? If the marriage bark glides smoothly, all is well. She has nothing to fear. But if there's trouble in the matrimonial camp, and the husband becomes parsimonious toward his better half, she has every reason to fear.

Many a man's fortune is based on the prudence of a saving wife. She may have eked along on a sum which barely enabled her to keep body and soul together, but her spouse might have the more money to put into his business. She may have denied her own little mite, which she had earned by sewing during those years of struggle, to swell his profits.

Such a serious disagreement arises between husband and wife, which would cause the parting of their ways, the question of how much is a wife worth, no matter how rich her husband may be, will cause many a wife to be perturbed when she hears what the law has to say about it. A learned judge has decided that the wife cannot by law sue her husband for the loss of her fortune, even though the half of it should rightfully have belonged to her. If the man whom she married wishes to be mean with her, she has no legal recourse. After this, who can blame parents for having a satisfactory understanding with a rich suitor who comes a-wooing their daughter? A father who is looking after his child's future should not be called mercenary if he insists that the husband should give the wife a certain amount each year for her own use, prosperous, which may be absolutely hers. She would never press the claim if he had business reverses. Love should cause husband to provide for their wives. The faith of a true wife is the most valuable of a husband's possessions.



WALLINGFORD and BLACKIE DAW

By GEORGE RANDOLPH CHESTER

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(Continued.)
"Well, Wallingford, I've found out how you tricked me by sending me to scare me about my patent, and now I want my contract back. If I go to law about this I'll prove swindling on you."

"I'll be real pleased," smiled Hoodoo Mann. "We'll finish up the business at your hotel tonight."
"All right," again assented Frazier, and hurried away to give all the money in Higgle county to J. Rufus Wallingford.

Two hours later, in Wallingford's room at the hotel, J. Rufus produced William Harrison Frazier's financial anatomy and held a postmortem on it. "Forty thousand bucks," he announced, counting it on the bed. "Deducting \$1,000 I paid Frazier for his patent and \$5,000 I gave Mann to pay Frazier and \$1,000 I split up with the stable boys for help and information, that leaves \$33,000 to the merry—and out of a jay tank town at that! Ten per cent makes \$3,300, and not a bad little raise-off for your outfit, Mann, added to whatever you knocked down out of the \$5,000 I gave you to string our lollipop."

Hoodoo Mann accepted the money soberly, but he did not tuck it into the flat canvas packet inside his shirt. Instead, he folded it up and shoved it into his trousers pocket.

"I only held out \$500 on you, Wallingford, but you gloomily stated, 'But it didn't do me any good. Some dip got to it, and I think it was one of my own men—the pie faced gun that tried to gloom Frazier's change the time you stopped him. I never seem to have any luck.'"

"Well, hold out on him," chuckled Wallingford, dividing the remainder of the money into two piles and tossing Blackie his share.

"Wait a minute, Jim. You're shy \$250," Blackie objected.

"What for?" puzzled Wallingford.

"Your half of the come on coin I lost to Frazier at monte."

"I'm astonished!" chuckled Wallingford. "How much besides did you lose at the game you thought you could still play? Give me the total, and I'll help you out on the rest of it."

"Wallingford's right, Blackie," said Mann, with a grin at J. Rufus. "For a boy once supposed to have been the best card tosser on the circuit you certainly did not lose the stakes you ever saw for this Frazier person. On the level, Blackie, why, if I had a copper so raw in his work?"

"That'll be about all," announced Blackie majestically. "Mann, where's that outfit?"

"Never mind, Blackie," chuckled Wallingford. "I'll take it all back. Here's your \$250."

"Keep it," stormed Blackie. "I want mine from Dog Face Frazier. Has he any money left?"

"About two thousand, I think," laughed Wallingford.

"It's mine," announced Blackie, and he would not be pacified until he hurried back to the fair grounds with the three cards and you."

Wallingford made a careful study of the town in the meantime and decided that it was not worth the exercise of his business talents. He returned in time for their train and found Blackie and Mann together in deep slumber.

"We'll have to hustle," he remonstrated as he jumped into the packing. "Our train leaves at 8, and we don't want to miss it, for Mann would have to see Frazier shortly after that."

Blackie blew a thick ring of cigarette smoke at the ceiling and surveyed him long legs admiringly as they sprawled before him under the legs of the little folding card table. "Frazier won't bother anybody tonight," he promised.

"He's pinched."

"For running in that ringer this afternoon?" inquired Wallingford. "I knew it would get him. Crooked work always does."

"No, for making a holler," replied Blackie, deeply content. "I charged him \$2,000 and his watch and chain and this diamond ring for bad guesses on the ace of hearts; then he called me a swindler and tried to fight, so I had to collect a souvenir from him and turn him over to a deputy constable for disturbing the peace. Here's the souvenir, and he greedily exhibited seven long, glossy red whiskers."

Wallingford laughed heartily, but save for Blackie's superior smile, he laughed alone.

"What's the trouble with you, Mann?" he wanted to know. "Why don't you join the festivities? Or have you heard the joke before?"

"I got a thirty-third degree grouch on," confessed Mann. "Say, Wallingford, could you lend me a couple of hundred?"

"Could I what?" demanded Wallingford, looking about him. "The little folding table still stood neatly in front of the peacefully smiling Blackie. On the floor lay the ace of spades. On the table, face up, was the ace of diamonds. By its side, with a slightly bent corner, was a card, face down. Wallingford picked it up. It was the ace of hearts! "You boob!" he charged Mann.

"I'm hoodooed!" complained that luckless individual.

(To Be Continued.)

The Hamburg-American liner Praceigent, reported sunk, arrived at San Juan, P. R.

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